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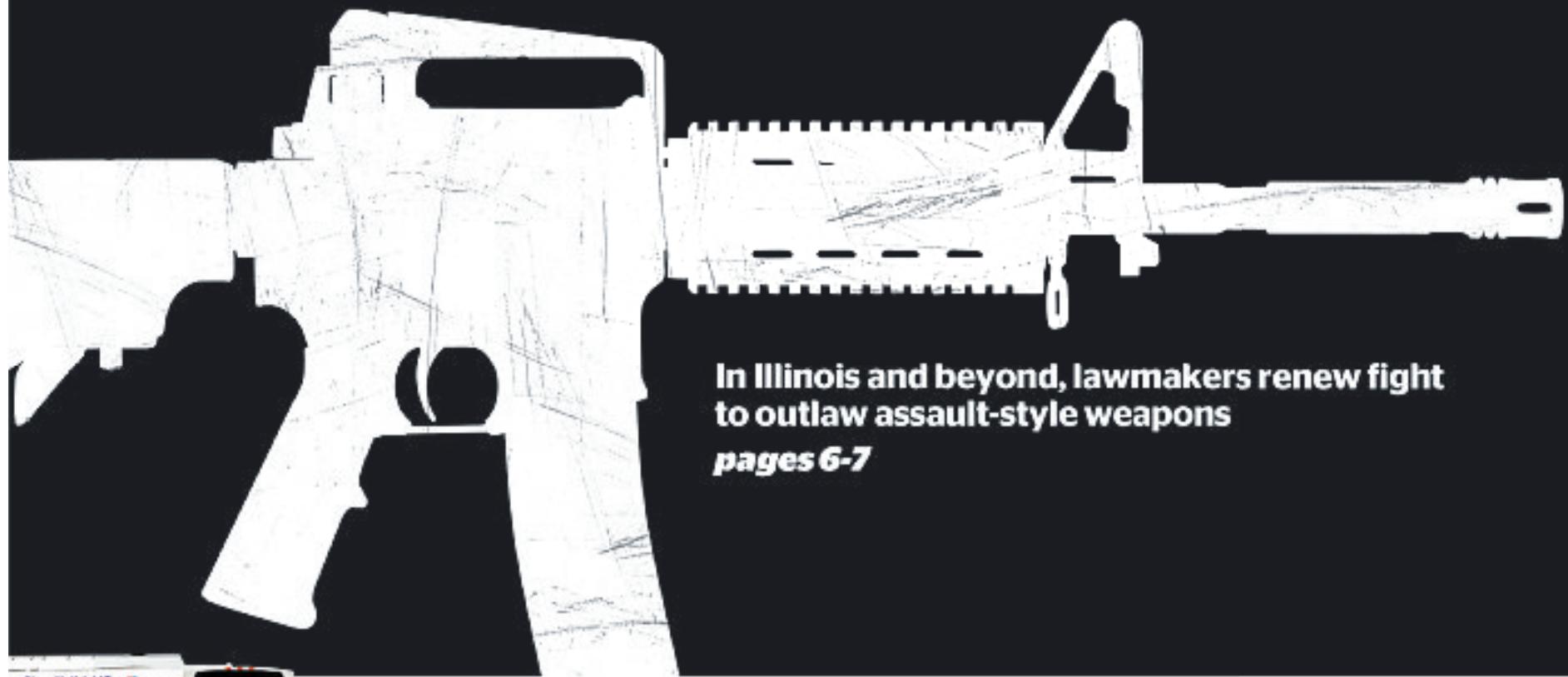
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DRINK

SEASONAL SPIRITS

Maria's Packaged Goods & Community Bar

960 W. 31st St. 773-890-0588

If the holidays leave you needing a drink, this Bridgeport bar has you covered with its 12 Beers of Christmas promotion, which features daily discounted holiday craft brews. Today, \$9 buys you a 22-ounce bottle of Winter Solstice, a hard cider spiced with cinnamon, vanilla and maple syrup from cider maker J.K.'s Scrumpy. 3 p.m.-2 a.m.

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DO

UP ALL NIGHT

The Second City e.t.c.

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Stay up way past your bedtime with comedian **Fred Armisen**, musician Jeff Tweedy, "SNL" cast member Aidy Bryant, actress Olivia Wilde and others at "The Second City That Never Sleeps: Letters to Santa," a 24-hour improv comedy and music marathon that benefits Onward Neighborhood House. 6 p.m. \$20 at the door.



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Nothing says "Happy Holidays" like getting an eye shot out—except maybe a seasonal slasher flick. You can see both at "A Bob Clark Christmas," a double-feature screening of two of the director's films—"Black Christmas," about a sorority house killer, and **"A Christmas Story,"** about Ralphie and his Red Ryder BB gun (5:30 and 7:30 p.m.). \$10 each or \$15 for both.



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REDEYE TIP OF THE DAY

Swing by Benny's Chop House (444 N. Wabash Ave.) to see its pastry chef's 5-foot-high "Magical Snow Mountain" sugar sculpture.

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A little rumor, a dash of Internet and a pinch of history equal one of this year's hottest theories

Reuters

CHICHEN ITZA, Mexico A few words by an American scholar, a crumbling Mexican monument and the love of a good yarn were all it took to spawn the belief that the world could end this week.

Friday marks the end of an age in a 5,125-year-old Mayan calendar, an event that is variously interpreted as the end of days, the start of a new era or just a good excuse for a party.

Thousands of New Age mystics, spiritual adventurers and canny businessmen are converging on ancient ruins in southern Mexico and Guatemala to find out what will happen.

"No one knows what it will look like on the other side," said Michael DiMartino, 46, a long-haired American who is organizing one of the biggest Dec. 21 celebrations at the Mayan temple site of Chichen Itza on the Yucatan peninsula.

It is not the world but "the way we perceive it" that will end, said DiMartino, who pledged that his event at ground zero for 2012 acolytes will be a "distilling down of various perspectives into a unified intention for positive transformation, evolution and co-creation of a new way of being."

A mash-up of academic speculation and existential angst seasoned with elements from several world religions, the 2012 phenomenon has been fueled by Hollywood movies and computer games, and relentlessly disseminated by Internet doom-mongers.

Mass hysteria in a Russian prison, a Chinese man building survival pods for doomsday and UFO lovers seeking refuge with aliens in a French mountain village are just some of the reports that have sprung up in the final countdown to Dec. 21.

This fact would probably have languished in academic obscurity had not a young Maya expert named Michael Coe written in the 1960s that to the ancient Mesoamerican culture the date could herald an "Armageddon" to cleanse humanity. Since then, the cult of 2012 has snowballed.

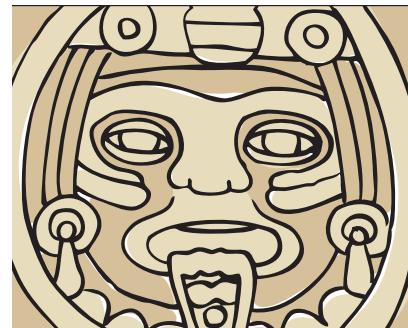
END OF THE WORLD OPINIONS

Separate surveys asked Americans and residents of 21 countries what they think about doomsday prophecies.

THE END? NO, NASA SAYS

The world will not end Friday, NASA scientists argue in response to one interpretation of the Mayan calendar that has become the focus of many end-times prophecies. It will be another winter solstice and the shortest day of the year, but NASA assures you Earth is clear of any serious cosmic threats. **TRIBUNE**

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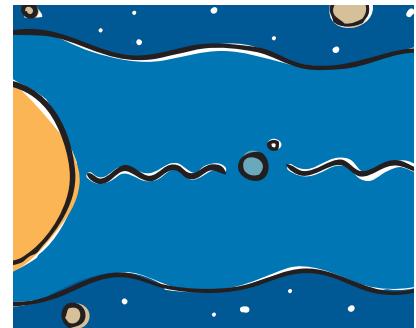
Mayan calendar

The Mayan calendar doesn't really end Dec. 21, 2012. It's just the start of a new Mayan long-count period, which the ancient culture invented to keep track of large lengths of time. Each cycle is more than 5,000 years, but the society never saw it as a doomsday, just a new cycle.



Planet Nibiru

This planet, supposedly discovered by the ancient Sumerians, was supposed to crash into Earth in 2003. We're still here, so the date of the disaster was moved forward and linked to the Mayan calendar. Astronomers have discovered no planet on a crash course with ours.



Planetary alignment

There aren't any major alignments coming in the next few decades. They've happened before in 1962, 1982 and 2000, but we've yet to evaporate because of them. In fact, every December, Earth aligns with the sun and the approximate center of the Milky Way galaxy.



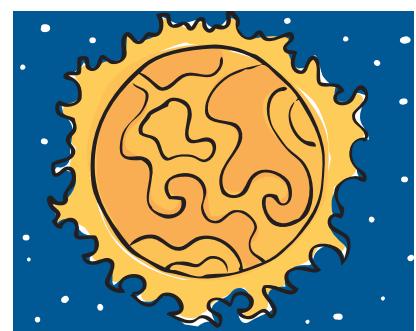
Polar shift

Earth's magnetic poles reverse about every 400,000 years on average, but it is very unlikely in the next few millennia. NASA scientists say it wouldn't harm any life on Earth.



Meteor impact

The last life-threatening asteroid to hit Earth aided in the extinction of the dinosaurs. A NASA program called the Spaceguard Survey has determined there are no large asteroids nearby.



Solar storms

Sometime between 2012 and 2014, the sun's solar activity will peak. These maxima happen about every 11 years, and there's nothing special about this cycle.



37%

of people said the movie "The Day After Tomorrow" depicts climate-change events that could happen in the next 25 years.

Q: Some people believe Earth will experience a major catastrophic event on Dec. 21, 2012, as predicted by (one interpretation of) ancient calendars used by the Mayans. How likely or unlikely do you think it is that these predictions will be at least partly correct?



SOURCES: NASA, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, KELTON RESEARCH, IPSOS RESEARCH

Whole new world for CTA riders?



GOING PUBLIC

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CTA riders had mixed reactions about their commute Monday, the first workday since the agency's service changes took effect. Steffany Amacher, of Lakeview, typically takes the No. 80-Irving Park bus, the Brown Line and the Red Line to the Loop for work in the morning. On Monday, she noticed the Brown Line was less crowded, the Red Line was still crowded and the Irving Park bus had not changed.

"On the Brown Line, there weren't seats, but I didn't feel like a sardine in a can. That's a pretty good improvement," said Amacher, 28. "The Red Line, I'm used to it being packed. I usually get on there about 7:30. There were a lot of people waiting to get on at Sheridan."

To try to ease crowding, the CTA added 17 trips to six rail lines during rush periods, including three southbound Blue Line trips from Rosemont during the morning. Brown Line riders were supposed to see their wait time in the morning decrease from between 3 and 8 minutes to between 3 and 5 minutes.

Additional buses also were added to 48 of the most popular bus routes—though more than a dozen routes saw complete or partial route elimination. Those include the No. 11 Lincoln bus, which no longer runs between the Western and Fullerton Brown Line stations, and the No. 145 Wilson/Michigan Express, which was completely discontinued. The service changes didn't cost the CTA anything, the agency said.

When Going Public asked riders via Twit-

ter about their Monday morning commute, a few expressed frustration with having to change their trips to make up for the loss of the No. 11 bus. A couple of riders complained about crowding on the No. 146 Inner Drive/Michigan Express, which saw an influx of riders and buses to make up for the elimination of the No. 145 bus.

HOLIDAY TRAIN SPOTTING

The annual CTA Holiday Train finishes its run this week. Tuesday and Saturday, it's on the Red Line. Wednesday and Saturday, it's on the Purple Line. It's on the Yellow Line on Thursday. Spot the train? Snap a photo and send to tswartz@tribune.com or post it to Twitter and tag it with #holidaytrainspotting for GP's annual holiday train gallery.

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Some said the Red Line was still packed, while others said it wasn't as crowded.

The real test of the service changes, however, may come in January after people return to work from the holidays.

For Lisa Zimmer of River North, the CTA service changes didn't affect her commute, just her potential for love.

Zimmer, who typically walks, would occasionally ride the No. 143 Illinois Center/Union Express when the weather was bad. Sometimes, she would spot her dreamboat—a 6-foot-2 blond man who got off at the same stop she did. She never worked up the courage to talk to him. On Monday, the weekday-only route was eliminated.

Riders Block

My pledge to ride a CTA bus along every route from start to finish continues. As part of the service changes that took effect this week, the CTA created two new bus routes: the No. 37-Sedgwick and the No. 115-Pullman/115th. Up next: No. 37-Sedgwick.

STATIONARY A weekly dispatch from a CTA station of note**This week:** Pulaski Blue Line

Not to trash talk, but this West Garfield Park station has a garbage problem. Litter lines the tracks in both directions. It doesn't help that the station parallels the Eisenhower Expressway, where drivers undoubtedly throw their garbage out their car windows and onto the tracks—but it appears some of this refuse has been there awhile. Even worse, when Going Public visited this station Friday morning, four large garbage bags labeled CTA greeted riders outside the Pulaski Road entrance to the station. That's rubbish.

Next up: Harlem Blue Line on Forest Park branch



Passengers board the Blue Line at Western Avenue on Monday.

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New look for CTA riders

Rush-hour riders ushered in new schedules and increased service on some rail lines and bus routes during Monday morning's commute. Did the CTA's "decrowding" plan actually pay off on the first day? RedEye's Twitter followers weighed in with our #CTAspotting hashtag—here's the good, the bad and the... ugly.

This Redline seems to be just as packed as usual. Trains added they say? Coulda fooled me. #CTAspotting —@MsShanBo



commute I've had on the blue line, you win this round. CTA. #CTAspotting —@kittenheeled

brown line is as jammed with humanity as usual #CTAspotting —@shlee18

there are no seats on the pink line today and usually there are plenty, however there is a girl with AdventureTime headphones. #CTAspotting —@remoteviewerWPA

There's still time to chime in! Keep using the #CTAspotting hashtag during rush hour.



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BUSHMASTER AR-15 RIFLE

The primary weapon used in the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre was a Bushmaster AR-15 rifle, police say. The rifle is popular in shooting competitions and can be used for hunting. **SOURCES: REUTERS, TRIBUNE REPORTING**

» **Modular design:** Users of the rifle can change the barrel, stock, magazine and other features.

» **Suggested retail price:** \$1,197 to \$1,391, for a Bushmaster .223 caliber M4 carbine.

» **National retailers:** Wal-Mart, Dick's Sporting Goods and Cabela's.

» **Military use:** An automatic version, the M16, is used by U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan and some police departments in the U.S.

» **About Bushmaster:** Founded in 1973 and bought by Cerberus Capital Management in 2006. Headquartered in Madison, N.C. Manufacturing facility located in Ilion, N.Y.

UP IN ARMS

STATE DEMS WEIGH IN ON GUN CONTROL FOLLOWING OBAMA'S REMARKS

Chicago Tribune

Illinois' leading Democrats on Monday pushed for more gun control in the wake of last week's school shootings in Connecticut, but gun-owner rights groups criticized the move as politicizing a national tragedy and said they were prepared to fight in Washington and Springfield.

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, the state's senior senator and the No. 2 Democrat in the chamber, called for congressional hearings aimed at finding constitutional limits to Second Amendment rights while Gov. Quinn and Mayor Emanuel re-emphasized their long-standing call to ban semi-automatic, assault-style weapons at the state and federal level.

The efforts by the three Democrats, motivated by Friday's shootings in Newtown, Conn., that included the deaths of 20 schoolchildren, came against a backdrop of a federal appeals court ruling opening the way for concealed possession of firearms in public in Illinois.

"It's time that we as a city have an assault weapons ban, it's time that we as a state have an assault weapons ban, and it's time that we as a country have an assault weapons ban," Emanuel said at a Chicago Police Department graduation and promotion ceremony. "And I would hope the leadership in Congress now will now have a vote of conscience. It is time to have that vote."

Quinn, at a separate appearance, said he hoped the scope of the tragedy would motivate state lawmakers to act by early next month to ban assault weapons and high-

capacity magazines statewide. Lawmakers recently rejected Quinn's attempt to use his amendatory veto power to rewrite a bill to impose such a ban.

Officials for the Illinois State Rifle Association sent an email to their members accusing Quinn and Emanuel of being among the "political opportunists who have swooped down on Newtown like a flock of vultures hungry to devour the 2nd Amendment."

"The echoes of the sirens had hardly faded when Quinn and other gun-control extremists hit the airwaves calling for the passage of legislation that would effectively abolish the 2nd Amendment to our Constitution," the group said. "Law-abiding gun owners have grown used to being blamed for the misdeeds of others and we're equally used to mounting effective defenses against those who would deny us our rights."

The call to action by Emanuel and Quinn came as another home-state Democrat, President Obama, appeared to be taking a more cautious approach on the gun issue. A day after Obama pledged to use the power of his office to prevent gun violence, the White House did not provide any details on an approach, and spokesman Jay Carney said it was a "complex problem that requires a complex solution."

Durbin, a prominent Obama campaign surrogate who introduced the president as the party's nominee at the last two presidential conventions, has long supported additional gun-control laws. But he also appeared to follow the lead of the president and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, who said the



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Recent developments

Gov. Quinn has repeatedly called for a state ban on semi-automatic weapons, most recently last week when the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that it was unconstitutional for Illinois to ban comprehensively the carrying of firearms outside the home. The appeals court gave the state until June to try to craft new gun regulations.

chamber "will engage in a meaningful and thoughtful debate about how to change laws and culture that allow violence to grow."

On the Senate floor Monday, Durbin asked gun-control opponents and gun-rights supporters to try to find common ground.

"What will it take for a majority of Americans to speak out for sensible firearms policy in our nation?" Durbin asked. "It will take more than the shootings on streets in Chicago, East St. Louis and cities across the country. And sadly, it will take more than 26 victims, including 20 children, in a Connecticut grade school."

Durbin said the Senate Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights will hold hearings on the Second Amendment and gun control early next year. Durbin is chairman of the subcommittee.

A federal ban on assault weapons—which

prohibited 19 specific types of military-style semiautomatic rifles and high-capacity ammunition magazines—expired in 2004 under the Republican White House of President George W. Bush and a GOP-controlled Congress after 10 years. Emanuel has repeatedly touted his work as a top aide to President Bill Clinton in enacting the ban.

Like Durbin, Chicago Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy connected the Connecticut tragedy to the steady drumbeat of gun violence in America's cities.

"Any major city in this country is experiencing ongoing gun violence," McCarthy said. "It's these issues like this that all of the sudden explode and the gun debate starts and at the end of the day, nobody does anything about it. ... It would be nice if we see some action this time, and it would probably at least be some sort of way to try to make sense of a tragedy moving forward."

POLL POSITION

Surveys on Monday sought to measure the pulse of the nation when it comes to gun rights and gun control. ABC NEWS/WASHINGTON POST

SHOULD THERE BE LIMITS?

54%
of respondents
would back new
limits on gun
rights

52%
of respondents
would back a ban
on semi-automatic
handguns

59%
of respondents would
back a ban on clips that
contain more than
10 bullets



HISTORY LESSON

Congress banned certain assault weapons in 1994, though 10 years later then-President George W. Bush and the Republican-controlled Congress didn't renew the prohibition when it expired.

WHOSE FAULT IS IT?

47% of respondents said the killing rampage reflected problems in U.S. society

44% of respondents said it was an isolated act by one person

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The contents of a package that arrived at the University of Chicago addressed to Indiana Jones
LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE PHOTOS

U. of C. case closed

So THAT's where the Indiana Jones journal came from ...

By Mick Swasko

REDEYE

A mystery at the University of Chicago unfolded like an old map in the classic "Indiana Jones" movies.

Last week, the university posted photos of a package it had received, addressed to none other than Henry Walton Jones Jr., better known to most as Indiana Jones. Inside was a replica of the fictional U. of C. professor Abner Ravenwood's journal from the "Raiders of the Lost Ark" film.

With no explanation for the delivery, the university reached out via Tumblr, asking visitors to the blog to help solve the mystery. Was it a hoax? A clever admissions stunt? A misaddressed Christmas gift?

Senior Admissions Adviser Grace Chapin discovered the answer Monday morning, and it was none of the above.

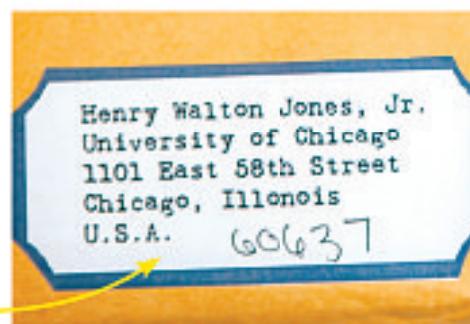
The journal and packaging originated in

Guam, where an Ebay seller who specializes in replica Indiana Jones props sent it to the highest bidder, who lives in Italy. On its way, the smaller package, addressed to Indy at U. of C., fell out of a larger package. Not realizing what had happened, the U.S. Postal Service apparently inserted the correct ZIP code and shipped it to Chicago.

"[From] what we can piece together, USPS honored the postage, which happens to be fake," Chapin said, adding that the Ebay seller confirmed Monday he had received a letter from USPS explaining what happened.

But before the mystery was solved, the university received tons of suggestions and conspiracy theories as to the origin of the package. It even made international news, with outlets from Norway to Spain to Germany asking for permission to use the photos.

"We've been so amused that other people



have thought this was so funny," Chapin said. "This is how fun the world is at this point, something being sent from Guam to Italy and it finds its way to us."

Chapin said the Ebay seller has told the university it can keep the journal, and that several groups on campus are offering to put it on display or archive it, though no solid plans have been made.

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Snow could show up this week

Chicago Tribune

The lack of snow set a record Monday, but enjoy it while it lasts: Parts of the Midwest could see heavy snow Thursday, and that could include Chicago.

A snowless Sunday and Monday means 2012 sets a record for the latest date of first measurable snowfall in Chicago.

The previous record year was 1965, when it took until Dec. 16 for O'Hare to record at least one-tenth of an inch of snow, the National Weather Service's threshold for measurable snowfall.

This year's snowless streak could end Thursday, when a low-pressure system that was over the eastern Pacific Ocean on Monday will reach the Midwest, said Mark Ratzer, a senior meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Romeoville.

It remains unclear precisely what path the storm will take, but parts of the Midwest could see 6 to 12 inches of snow, Ratzer said.

The WGN Weather Center forecast Monday evening called for rain overnight Wednesday into Thursday, changing to all snow during the day.

EXPRESS LINES

» Sonic plans to build a new location in Uptown on the empty lot at Kenmore and Wilson avenues, according to reports.

» Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans said Monday he has asked the Illinois Supreme Court to name a judge from outside of Cook County to preside over the trial of a nephew of former Mayor Richard Daley.

» A man wearing a plaid cap and implying he had a gun wrapped in a newspaper robbed a bank on North Michigan Avenue on Monday, authorities said.

» A man was arrested over the weekend after attempting to sell a police officer fraudulent tickets to a Bowl Championship Series college football game, authorities said. TRIBUNE

1 Obama, Boehner meet again

President Obama and Republican Speaker John Boehner met at the White House on Monday as hopes rose that they will be able to head off steep tax hikes and spending cuts that could push the economy into recession next year.

Police deaths down in 2012

In a bit of rare positive news in a nation focused on the effects of gun violence, a police memorial fund reported Monday that deaths among law enforcement personnel are down 20 percent this year compared with 2011.

2 Iraq bombings kill two dozen

More than two dozen people were reportedly killed Monday in a string of bombings across Iraq. The deadliest of the bombings occurred in the village of al-Mouafaqiyah, northwest of Baghdad, where seven were slain and 11 were wounded.

**3 South Carolina's first black senator**

Rep. Tim Scott, a freshman Tea Party Republican, will become South Carolina's first black senator, Gov. Nikki Haley announced Monday. She appointed Scott to fill the seat left vacant by Jim DeMint.

4 Police reopen Winehouse file

British authorities reopened the probe of Amy Winehouse's death Monday, a year after the coroner who ruled that the singer died of accidental alcohol poisoning resigned amid questions about her legal credentials.

5 Web language on the way

HTML5, the long-in-the-works update to the language that powers the Web, is "feature complete," according to an announcement made Monday by the standards-setting Worldwide Web Consortium (W3C), an international agency with a location at MIT.



A couple embraces Monday at Sandy Hook Village while visiting a memorial for victims of the shooting in Newtown, Conn. **REUTERS**

Sandy Hook funerals begin

6 NEWTOWN, Conn. One boy was buried in his hero's football jersey in a small white coffin. Balloons and a teddy bear welcomed mourners to the funeral of his first-grade schoolmate.

The two funerals Monday ushered in what will be a week of memorial services and burials for the 20 children and six adults massacred at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

Schools across the country implemented security measures on the first school day since a 20-year-old gunman opened fire on the students and teachers in the close-knit commu-

nity last week.

Within hours of the school starting bell on Monday, lockdowns were declared in nearby Connecticut and New York towns on fears of danger. And in southern California, Indiana and Tennessee, authorities arrested men on Sunday for making threats against schools.

Newtown's schools remained closed after a weekend of mourning that followed Adam Lanza's shooting spree Friday, which claimed 28 lives, including his mother's and his own.

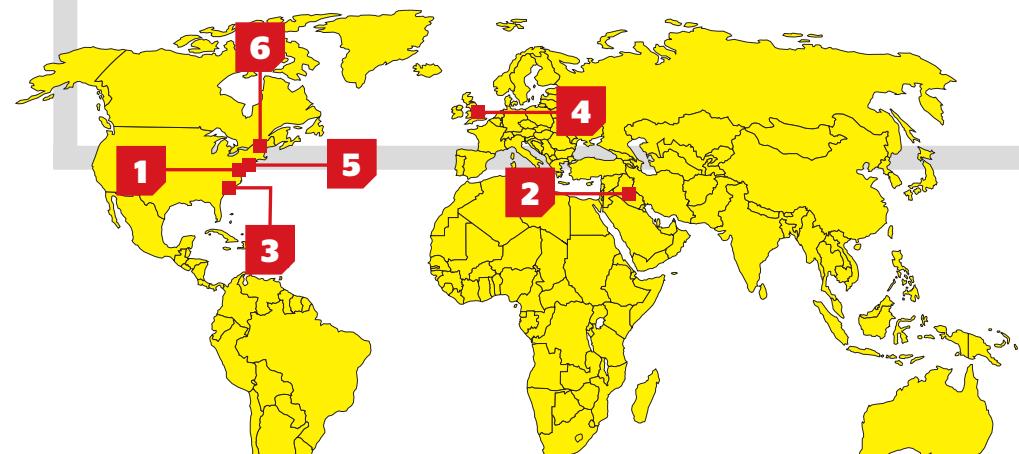
Miniature caskets marked the first wave of funerals as Noah Pozner and Jack Pinto, both 6 years old, were laid to rest Monday afternoon.

Noah was the youngest victim of rampage and his twin sister, Arielle, escaped unhurt.

Under chilly, leaden skies, police and bomb-sniffing dogs conducted a precautionary search of the street lined with white balloons outside the Fairfield, Conn., funeral home where Noah's brief life was remembered.

A teddy bear and bouquet of white flowers lay at the base of an oak tree outside the Jewish service that was packed with mourners, including Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy, U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal and Senator-elect Chris Murphy.

"Every time I told Noah, 'I love you,' he always answered, 'Not as much as I love you,'" his mother, Veronique Pozner, told mourners at his funeral.

**THE DIGIT**

1,020

The grim toll from a typhoon that devastated southern Philippines earlier this month continues to climb, with 1,020 reported dead as of Sunday morning, authorities said.



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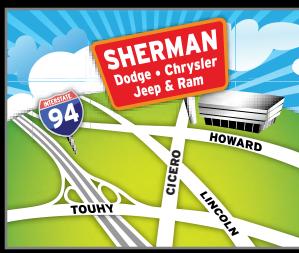
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Hawks legend Jeremy Roenick is totally video-game famous

By Ted Gruber | FOR REDEYE

It hasn't been cold enough for a true hockey atmosphere in Chicago, but Blackhawks legend Jeremy Roenick doesn't seem to mind.

In the Chicago area to sign copies of his new book, "J.R.," recently, he covered a variety of topics with RedEye, including the NHL lockout, why Chicago is still close to his heart and video game immortality.

How long did it take to put your book together?

It was a very long process. It was 18 months of writing and talking and calculating on how we were going to do it. It was 90 hours' worth of banter, and picking the right stories was the most crucial aspect. I cut about 70 percent that I left out. There's only so much that you can put in one book during a 20-year career in hockey. I have enough stories to put a second and third book out.

Could we see those books in the coming years?

It's very possible. We will see what happens. I mean, this book has been a very good start for me and it's been great to see. They are going off the shelves as fast as they are making them. It's a good indication that people would want another one.

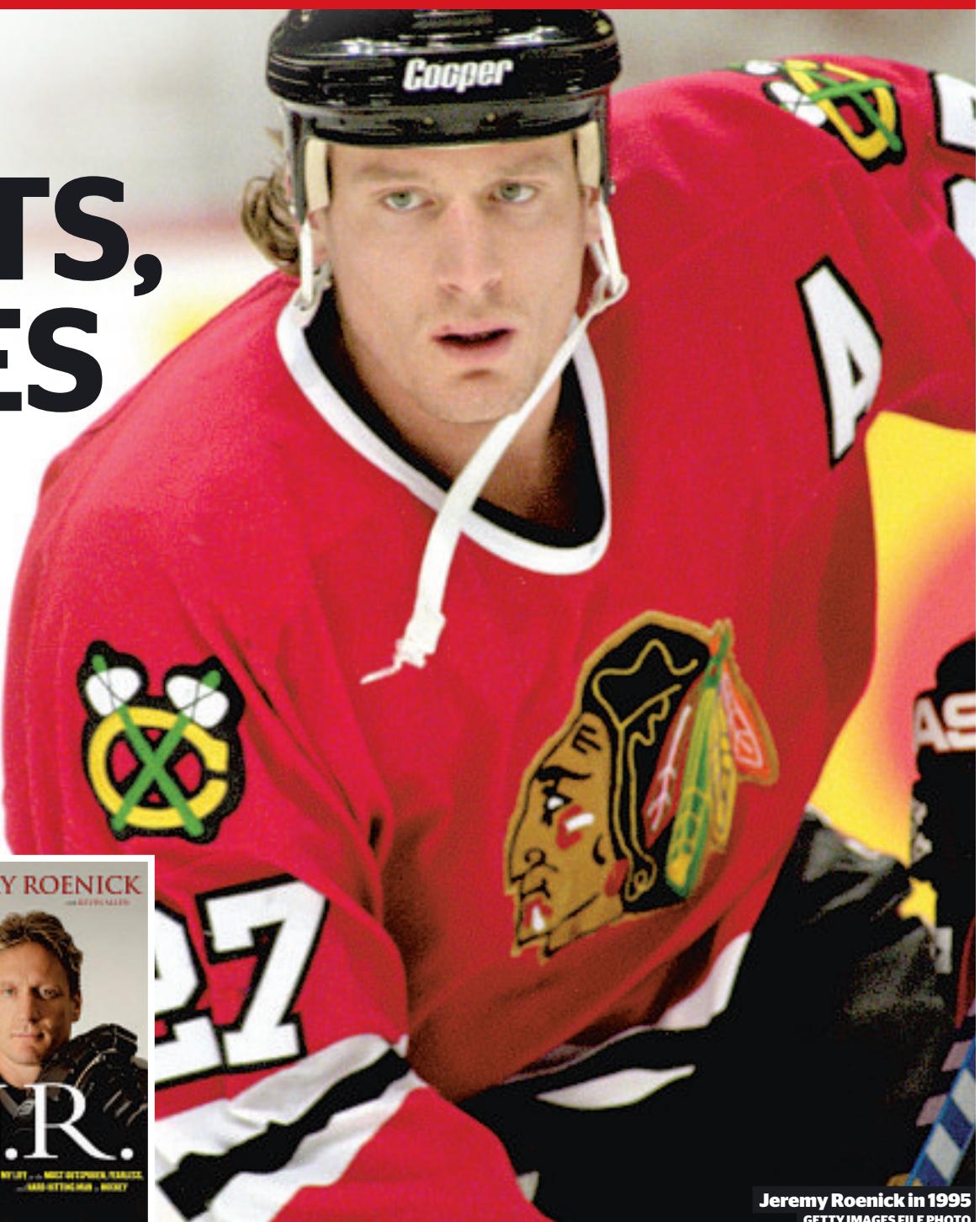
In the video game "NHL 94," you were compared to Bo Jackson in "Tecmo Bowl." What are your thoughts on "NHL 94" and video games today?

It's my claim to fame. I'm more popular and famous for my video game-ness than my hockey game-ness. It was in the movie "Swingers" and it has kind of created a pop culture of sorts. It's always cool to see your kids or other family members playing a game and using the Chicago Blackhawks and me on every line.

I don't play any video games anymore, but my son does. But he refuses to play with me; he uses Alex Ovechkin instead. Welcome to the new age, I guess, right? But he knows my celebrity status in video games. That's for sure.

What side is wrong in this NHL lockout dispute?

I don't think either is wrong. Owners have to get their money and players want to make their money in the best case possible. They should get a deal done faster than they have been



Jeremy Roenick in 1995
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working toward. Now that they are at an impasse, lawsuits are starting to happen. There is also going to be an attempt to dissolve the union. It's a major headache for everyone involved. I guess we have to wait and see what happens.

Do you think NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman is doing a good job of resolving this situation?

He has to do what he has to do. [The league] has to protect 30 teams; he's not there to protect 700 players. He has to make the owners get their money, and it looks like he will again in that aspect. It's unfortunate the fans have to pay the price in order to get the business side of the [collective bargaining agreement] figured out. The NBA did the same things the NHL is starting to do [in negotiations] and there was a deal a few weeks later. Hopefully it happens.

You started your career in Chicago when you were 18 and played here for eight years. What is the feeling you get when you come back?

It's phenomenal. Chicago was a very big part of my career and a much bigger part of my heart. My relationship with the fans here goes far and beyond any other athlete that played in a city for an extended period of time. This is where Jeremy Roenick was created, to tell you the truth. No. 27 is still known as Jeremy Roenick in this city. It brings a smile to my face, still having all these fans coming out to see me so many years after I left this beautiful city.

Again, this is where I was created, and Chicago is always going to be a part of my life.

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This panel is almost as offensive as the Bears are. And by "offensive," we don't mean scoring points.



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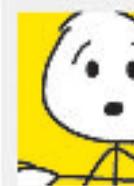
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1 How will the Bears' 2012 season end?	What's the opposite of "gracefully"? That.	Looking a lot like the Cubs.	Lovie looks at Uriacher. They hold hands and drive off "Thelma and Louise"-style.	With them shooting a video to their new song, "Missed the Playoffs Again Shuffle."	Pizza party and participation trophies!
2 The Bears offense is so inept lately they should run for Congress. Boom. Topical humor.	... even the Bulls were talking trash on Twitter.	... that Jay Cutler is struggling even with his douchebag ability.	... that they'll be rolling out an all-defensive lineup for the 2013 season.	... that they'd get picked last in gym class.
3 What can you tell us about the Memphis Grizzlies?	They run an explosive three-man weave.	They almost moved to Harvey, Ill., but didn't want to play inside an old Dominick's.	Stable inside game, terrible perimeter defense. Yeah, I'm just making stuff up.	They have grizzly bears in Tennessee???	They sound terrifying!
4 How is Notre Dame preparing for the national championship game?	Really getting the punt team a lot of work.	Blowing up Joe Montana's phone for one last go at it.	5,000 Hail Marys, 3,000 Our Fathers and hoping Bama's plane has mechanical issues.	Praying that Alabama's starters get food poisoning the night before the game.	I like to drink a Capri Sun before a big game.
5 How's your fantasy football team doing?	At least they're going to make money this year.	Halle Berry has been carrying my "D" all year. What? You said fantasy.	I fired my coach and GM. Unfortunately, I'll probably hire them again next year.	About as well as my fantasy hockey team.	Pretty good now. I drafted Olindo Mare in the first round!

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Pressure's on, Bears

The Bears are going to have to work a lot harder to pick up the pieces after their loss to the Packers on Sunday.

First, wide receiver Brandon Marshall marched into the postgame interview room Sunday at Soldier Field and called the flailing offense to accountability—even if it means people lose their jobs.

Then, injured middle linebacker Brian Urlacher made his weekly paid appearance on WFLD-Channel 32 and responded to criticism by saying, "Two of the people I don't care about: fans or media."

On Monday, a day after the team lost for the fifth time in six games, coach Lovie Smith said the tournament has started for the Bears.

Losing is getting to the Bears, and time is quickly running out to get things turned around in a season that began with hype, expectations and a 7-1 start. Ever since the slide

Cold, hard reality

After the 21-13 loss to the Packers on Sunday at Soldier Field, the Bears will need serious help to reach the playoffs. First, they have to help themselves with wins at Arizona and Detroit to close out the regular season. At 8-6, the Bears can finish 10-6 and miss the postseason. Their clearest path to the playoffs is winning out and having the Giants (8-6) and Vikings (8-6) each lose at least once.

began with a 13-6 loss to the Texans on Nov. 11, Smith has been able to stand tall the day after defeats and point out that the Bears still control their destiny.

That is no longer the case.

"This week we're to that must game; I mean the tournament has begun for us, so it's about Arizona as soon as the players get a chance to watch the video," Smith said. "We have to find a way to get to 10-6 and see what happens."

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10. Smashing Pumpkins *Oceania*

Though Smashing Pumpkins mastermind Billy Corgan has long been labeled a control freak, the guitar-driven "Oceania" comes

across like the product of an honest-to-goodness band, rather than the work of one man with an iron fist. "It takes some life to find the light within," sings Corgan on "The Chimera." This is the sound of a creative spark reigned.



9. Scott Lucas & the Married Men

Blood Half Moon

Longtime Local H frontman Scott Lucas cuts deep on his second album with the Married Men, turning

out brooding, country-tinged rockers rooted in weighty subjects such as death, love, heartbreak and loss.

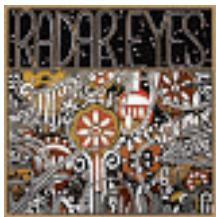


8. Serengeti

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Rapper Serengeti traverses life's darker alleys on his latest album, veering from hallucinatory tales inspired by his own near-death experience

(the trippy, true-to-life "Uncle Traum") to bleak, day-in-the-life portraits of the city's working class ("Cold").



7. Radar Eyes

Radar Eyes

The psych-rockers are proof that a couple of guitars, some drums and a bass can still make a heckuva racket. What sets the group apart from like-minded noisemakers, however, is its ability to combine this torrential outpouring with a developing ear for melody. Witness the chiming "Miracle," which might be the catchiest slab of riff-rock pressed to vinyl this year.

GOTTA LISTEN

LET'S COUNT DOWN THE YEAR'S TOP 10 ALBUMS FROM CHICAGO ARTISTS

By Andy Downing | FOR REDEYE

Chicago's music scene is as sprawling, deep and diverse as the metropolis itself, and it would be impossible for any one person to take in everything produced by the city's musicians over the course of the year. With that caveat in mind, here are the 10 local albums I returned to most often in 2012. **ANDY DOWNING IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR. @REDEYECHIMUSIC**



5. Nachtmystium

Silencing Machine

Spinal Tap's Nigel Tufnel could have been talking about these lo-

cal black metal purveyors when he said, "There's something about this that's so black, it's like how much more black could this be? And the answer is none. None more black." The group's latest strips away some of the sonic experimentation of their recent albums, focusing on a sheer brutality more in line with early efforts such as "Instinct: Decay."



2. DJ Rashad

Teklife Vol. 1: Welcome to Chi

The local DJ is operating at his absolute peak on thumping tunes such as "Don't Drop It," a dance-floor anthem that deserved to be a radio hit

of the highest order. While Rashad undoubtedly has a knack for making Chicago footwork music accessible, he also has a more restless side that surfaces on comparatively out-there cuts like "CCP," a surrealist painting of looped, chopped and extruded beats.



1. Archie Powell & the Exports

Great Ideas in Action

Like fellow Chicagoan Ferris Bueller, Archie Powell & the Exports played hooky on their 2010 debut, "Skip Work." The band's

sophomore album, in contrast, is anchored by songs that touch on the difficulties of landing a job in a down economy ("Job Fair") and the ways day-to-day life can gradually grind people down ("Metronome"). Instead of moping, however, Powell and his mates transform even their most mundane, soul-crushing experiences into hummable power-pop gems. Feel free to sing along.



6. Kelly Hogan

I Like to Keep Myself in Pain

Hogan's long-overdue return includes songwriting contributions from M. Ward, Andrew Bird and Robyn Hitchcock, among others. Despite the assembled star power, however, the longtime Chicagoan (who now makes her home in rural Wisconsin) remains the album's central figure, unspooling a string of torch ballads, soul scorchers and country weepers that could comfortably exist in any era.

4. Willis Earl Beal

Acousmatic Sorcery

Willis Earl Beal's lo-fi debut sounds decades old, as though it were discovered locked away in some attic rather than recorded in more recent times. The singer's uncommon backstory (he worked assorted odd jobs and was temporarily homeless) and unique sound (songs flirt with beat-poet blues, bruised soul and folk-art experimentation) earned him well-deserved accolades from outlets as diverse as GQ and Pitchfork.



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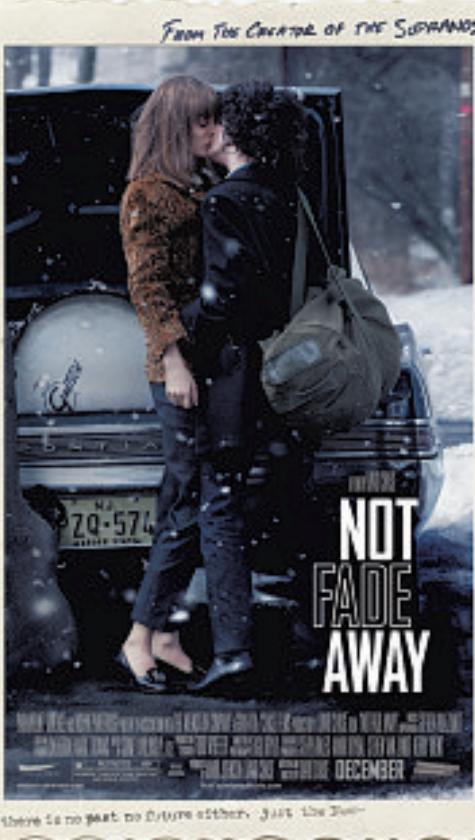
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- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG-13) 10:35, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35
- Skyfall (PG-13) 1:00, 4:20, 7:50, 11:00
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- The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG-13) * 11:00, 3:00, 7:00, 10:50
- The Collection (R) 9:00

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- The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) * 3:00, 6:30, 10:00
- Lincoln (PG-13) * 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
- Skyfall (PG-13) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- Argo (R) 7:20
- Playing for Keeps (PG-13) 4:45, 9:50

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- Playing for Keeps (PG-13) D 12:10, 4:55, 10:05
- Wreck-It Ralph (PG) D 11:35, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:55
- Flight (R) D 1:30, 6:55
- Taken 2 (PG-13) D 2:40, 7:35
- Rise of the Guardians 3D (PG) 2:45
- The Collection (R) D 11:15, 1:25, 3:30, 5:45, 8:05, 10:15
- Lincoln (PG-13) D 11:20, 2:35, 6:00, 9:20
- Life of Pi 3D (PG) 11:25, 8:30
- Red Dawn (PG-13) D 11:05, 4:35, 10:00
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG-13) D (Closed caption) 11:05, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

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- Flight (R) 2:30, 9:20
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- Rise of the Guardians (PG) 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:55
- This Must Be the Place (R) 12:00, 4:15, 8:30
- Hitchcock (PG-13) 12:05, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
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- Wreck-It Ralph (PG) D 10:30, 1:20, 7:00
- Flight (R) D 11:35, 2:50, 6:15, 9:30
- AMC Independent Hyde Park on Hudson (R) D 11:10, 12:50, 1:55, 3:25, 4:35, 6:00, 7:30, 8:40, 10:05
- Rise of the Guardians 3D (PG) 9:25
- The Collection (R) D 10:00
- Lincoln (PG-13) D 10:30, 2:15, 3:15, 5:35
- AMC Independent Hitchcock (PG-13) D 10:05, 12:35, 3:20, 6:10, 9:00
- AMC Independent Talaash (NR) D 10:00
- The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG-13) * 10:45, 2:30, 6:30, 10:30
- Life of Pi 3D (PG) 10:25, 1:50, 5:10, 8:25
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG-13) D (Closed caption) 10:20, 1:15, 4:00, 9:45

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■ Skyfall (PG-13) D 12:50, 4:15, 7:45, 7:45

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■ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG-13) * 1:45, 5:45, 9:45

■ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) * D 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45

■ Playing for Keeps (PG-13) * D 11:20, 2:00, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40

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■ Flight (R) D 1:15, 4:20, 7:10, 10:25

■ Killing Them Softly (R) D 4:50, 10:05

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■ Flight (R) D 2:05, 4:20, 7:20, 10:25

■ Lincoln (PG-13) D 2:05, 4:20, 7:20, 10:25

■ AMC Independent Made in Mexico (NR) D 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

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SOUND BOARD

KEEPING YOU PLUGGED INTO TODAY'S MOST BUZZWORTHY MUSIC

ALBUM REVIEW

By Kyle Kramer

REDEYE SOUND BOARD
In the span of a year, 17-year-old rapper and Englewood native Chief Keef went from being a kid caught with a gun to a poster boy for all of Chicago's violence. Yet Keef's Interscope debut, "Finally Rich," contrary to what

some may expect, is not simply a collection of songs about gun violence. Keef talks way more about having money and doing drugs and continues to show that he cannot be classified as a one-note artist. His songs are too immediate—not to mention fun to sing along with.

"Finally Rich" shoehorns Keef in with the Young Jeezys of the world and certainly warrants a common critique—that mass-marketing this music lets the dreaded Major Label System cash in on a rubbernecking fascination with a destructive environment. How could anybody think it was appropriate for Chief Keef to make a song about doing drugs with 50 Cent, a man who is twice his age? Why would anyone presume that a Chief Keef song needed a verse about Rick Ross driving his Bentley through a gang war?

And yet, it works. Mostly because the quality of the music rises above the complaints it generates.

Chief Keef has a unique talent for creating memorable hooks and concise but distinctive lyrical phrases, as well as an ear for fantastic, lush production (thanks to frequent producer Young Chop). An album that emphasizes these strengths may not do much to win over those who already find Keef to be repetitive or simplistic. But for anyone worried that "I Don't Like" or "Jhunna" (which sound better here thanks to some studio magic) were one-off successes, songs such as Keef's latest single "Love Sosa" are proof that his callous charm has staying power—as well as some stylistic range. The 50 Cent collaboration, "Hate Bein' Sober," features 50's best verse in years (as well as a typically corny one from Wiz Khalifa), and it's still totally Keef's to



Chief Keef
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make an obvious smash hit.

There's something that still feels hollow: The implied camaraderie, the feeling that the natural setting for this music is a room full of guys acting stupid together, is diluted by the presentation. Is Chief Keef lonely? He spends a lot of time talking about his friends—his cousin Fredo Santana gets mentioned in probably half the songs—but, other than Lil Reese's existing verse on "I Don't Like," none of them make an appearance. An opening monologue, an interview excerpt and a sample of the "Chief Keef is out of jail" WorldStarHipHop video serve as reminders of the rapper's origins, but, in a way, this album feels like it was made in a bubble.

Rather than delivering a messy pileup of Chicago rappers like Fredo, Lil Durk or King L, "Finally Rich" plays for a safer middle ground by separating Keef from his surroundings and leaving him to his own carefully monitored devices.

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SPACE CASES



Bruno Mars

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

2012 just became an amazing year for Bruno Mars. The "Locked Out of Heaven" singer joined Justin Timberlake and Nelly as the third man to chart five No. 1 hits on Billboard's Pop Songs chart, the mag reports. In case you're setting up a new playlist, Bruno's top tracks on that chart are "Just the Way You Are," "Grenade," "It Will Rain" and "Heaven," along with a guest spot on B.o.B's "Nothin' On You." But does this new place in history mean we'll still be spinning Bruno's tracks a decade later? We checked out Justin and Nelly's staying power to find out.

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WILL BRUNO MARS' HITS HAVE SERIOUS STAYING POWER?



JUSTIN

1. 'Rock Your Body'

Hit the chart: May 2003

Still love it?

Well, yes, but it's no "Cry Me a River," the best track off his debut, "Justified." And THAT song mysteriously made it only to No. 3 on this chart. Blame Britney.

2. 'SexyBack'

Hit the chart: Sept. 2006

Still love it?

You bet. We can still get behind it as a great pop-culture reference, and it probably still makes a great ringtone. Not that we'd know ...

3. 'My Love'

Hit the chart: Dec. 2006

Still love it?

Eh, this was never our favorite, so we'll use this space for another fun fact: On the cover of "FutureSex/LoveSounds," Justin is stepping on a disco ball. For some reason, we always thought it was a fishbowl.

4. 'What Goes Around ... Comes Around'

Hit the chart:

March 2007

Still love it?

Damn, this song is dynamic. We're officially re-adding it to our rotation.

5. 'Summer Love'

Hit the chart:

June 2007

Still love it?

Meh, it's OK. Our secret fave on this album was "Chop Me Up," which never feels dated.

NELLY

1. 'Hot in Herre'

Hit the chart: July 2002

Still love it?

Hell yes. The Song of Summer 2002 was better than almost anything that came out in summer 2012. Carly Rae Jepsen, take note: This is how it's done.

2. 'Dilemma'

Hit the chart: Sept. 2002

Still love it?

Meh. This Nelly is far too quiet, and the collabo with Kelly Rowland of Destiny's Child sounds VERY MUCH of its time. Modern ears have no patience for this.

3. 'Shake Ya Tailfeather'

Hit the chart: Oct. 2003

Still love it?

For sure. We're happy to pop somethin', move somethin' and shake our tailfeather any day of the week. Also, this song was on the "Bad Boys 2" soundtrack, and that movie was surprisingly hilarious.

4. 'Over and Over'

Hit the chart: Nov. 2004

Still love it?

Oh dear God, are those wind chimes in the background? THOSE ARE WIND CHIMES IN THE BACKGROUND. THE MOST WIND CHIMES.

5. 'Just A Dream'

Hit the chart: Nov. 2010

Still love it?

Actually, we're not sure we've ever heard this song before. The chorus sounds vaguely familiar, and it doesn't TOTALLY suck, but we'll do a major rewind and take "Country Grammar" over this any day.

Justin Timberlake
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Young money



Wiz Khalifa took his "Work Hard Play Hard" mantra to heart in 2012: He is on Forbes' list of the 30 biggest achievers under 30 years old. "Saturday Night Live" actress Kate McKinnon is the other entertainer of note featured on the list.

Others from the entertainment world who warranted an honorable mention include Adele, Justin Bieber, Drake and Aziz Ansari. Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen were cited for their work in fashion design.

Baby on board

From sexiest man alive to sexiest dad alive? Channing Tatum, who was given the former title by People magazine earlier this year, and wife Jenna Dewan-Tatum announced Monday that they are expecting their first child, people.com reports. Talk about having some good genes.



HOT DATE

March 31

"Game of Thrones" will premiere... but that's not all! HBO has partnered with a New York brewery to release four "Thrones"-themed beers in conjunction with the new season, avclub.com reports. Each bottle, beginning with Iron Throne Blonde Ale, will cost \$8.50.



MUPPETS, BABY

The Muppets are going to Europe? That's what thr.com reports. Is the plan for the follow-up to last year's movie, which starred Jason Segel. And Ricky Gervais may be there to greet them, the industry site reports, citing unnamed sources who indicate the British comedian is in talks for an unspecified role.

THE DIGIT

10

That's the age of Brooklyn Beckham, son of David and Victoria. The boy stars in the spring/summer advertisements for Burberry, Vogue UK reports.



Nine lives

Anne Hathaway broke her arm just after she finished filming "Les Misérables" and before she started marketing for "The Dark Knight Rises," she told Ellen DeGeneres. So why are we just hearing about the bike accident now? "When my husband went to pick up my pain meds the pharmacist was like, 'Catwoman can't ride a bike?'" she said. "So I was like, 'Oh my god. I can't let anyone know about this.'"